

Police Department News

Tips for Home and Personal Safety

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Each week I attend the Valley Detective Meeting for all Davis County detectives. Davis County is beginning to experience many crimes that were rare for this area. Vehicle and home burglaries, which often lead to identity thefts are very much on the rise of late.

In an effort to safeguard your family, property and finances, we are asking that you take some simple steps to discourage those who are looking for opportunities to victimize you and your families.

1. Take an inventory of all your personal property and include pictures of your valuables as well as serial numbers, and dollar values. (This includes tools). Keep this in a safe place known only to you, your spouse and possibly another person you trust well.

This way, if you do have items stolen we have a way of listing them on the national crime computers and looking for them in pawn shops, thrift stores, etc.

2. LOCK ALL DOORS INTO YOUR HOME—Make it a habit that you and your children observe always. If you are leaving, lock your doors. When you enter your home, lock your doors. Teach your children to always look to see who is at the door before answering it, and if it's a stranger—DON'T OPEN THE DOOR! It is unfortunate that we can't live like we use to and be inviting to the world, but that is not the world we live in anymore, and many of the people we've arrested for these types of crimes admit they just look for unlocked

doors and walk right in. Also, check to make sure your doors are protected with quality locks, and preferably dead bolt locks.

3. Lock the doors of your vehicles, park your cars in well lit places, and NEVER LEAVE PURSES, CHECKBOOKS, WALLETS, OR OTHER VALUABLES in plain sight in your vehicles. If you must leave things, lock them in the trunk. Again, the

Let's work together to take care of each other and make our city a safe place to live and raise our children.

people we've arrested for vehicle burglaries have admitted they first look for valuables inside the cars, then make the decision to either break in, or if you've left the doors unlocked, to get into the car and take things.

4. Be aware of strange persons or vehicles in the area. If someone or something seems suspicious to you, don't hesitate to call the police and have us check this out. If you can get a license plate of the vehicle, that is very helpful. People paying attention are the city's greatest asset. You are our eyes and ears as we cannot be everywhere and are stretched very thin with manpower.

Animal Care and Pet Control Ordinances Enhance the Quality of Life for Everyone

Please be aware that Chapter 6.16-Nuisance Animals of the West Bountiful Municipal Code provides a definition of nuisance animals and describes the city's ability to abate these nuisances if abatement is deemed necessary. Specifically, section 6.16.020-Nuisance Animal Defined states the following:

- A. Causes damage to the property of anyone other than its owner;
- B. Causes unreasonable odors;
- C. Causes unsanitary conditions;
- D. Barks, whines, howls or makes other disturbing noises for an extended period of time;
- E. Chases vehicles;

F. Has been impounded for being at large, or its owner or possessor has been convicted for the animal being at large on three separate occasions within a twelve (12) month period; or

G. Is an animal previously declared potentially dangerous or dangerous and is found in violation of restrictions placed on that animal by the animal control department. (Prior code § 6-20-4(B))

Please make efforts to control and protect your pets and animals in a manner consistent with the ordinances outlined in Chapter 6.16 of the West Bountiful Municipal Code.



Additionally, remember that animals also like to stay cool during the summer; please be sure to keep your animals (especially dogs, cats, etc.) in well ventilated and cool locations near to an adequate source of water as the temperatures increase during this time of year. Taking care of your animals in this way will help to protect them from heat stroke and other heat related illnesses.

Should you have any further questions, comments, or concerns regarding this topic or other related topics, feel free to contact city offices at (801) 292-4486.

Gathering History for City's Founder's Day

A committee has been selected to write a program for the West Bountiful Founder's Day Program to be presented in September of 2008 as part of the 100-year celebration.

The committee is trying to gather stories about the people, events and things that helped to grow this little town into a great and ever growing city.

Please send stories to: Terri McKean Badham Wilks, 885 East Creekside Dr., Layton, Utah 84041, or telephone for a personal interview appointment (801-593-9233).

We may not use every story we are given, but we will keep every story in a history collection at the West Bountiful City offices for future generations.

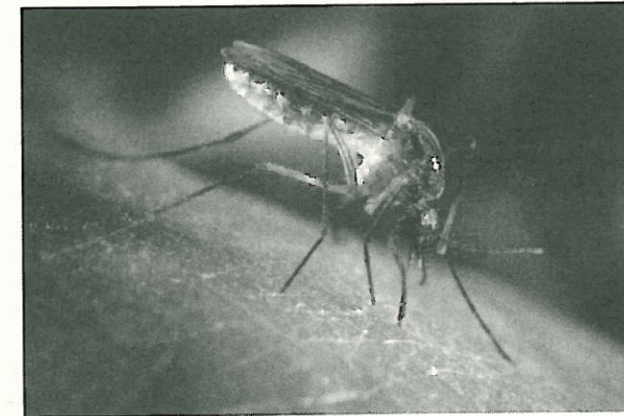
Combat Mosquitos and West Nile Virus

The fight against mosquitoes and the potential for mosquito-driven West Nile Virus is on again. In the past, chickens and horses have contracted the virus in Davis County, and Davis County Mosquito Abatement director Gary Hatch says his staff is gearing up by spraying some 420,000 acres and offering information on how residents can prevent being bitten.

Residents can also register ornamental ponds (about 1,300 in the county) and request a spray visit. They can also request "mosquito fish" which eat the larvae.

West Nile Virus Prevention Tips Personal Protection to "Fight the Bite"

Avoiding mosquito bites is the only method available to steer clear of West Nile virus infection. Stay indoors especially at dawn and dusk when it's prime mosquito feeding time. If you need to be outside between dusk and dawn, wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Also, you should use a mosquito repellent with a 30%-35% or less solution of



DEET to "Fight the Bite." Children (2 months - 12 years old) should use up to 10% DEET solution (avoiding their mouths, eyes, and hands). Visit the CDC website or talk with your doctor for information on applying DEET to infants.

Prevent Mosquito Breeding Sites Near Your Home

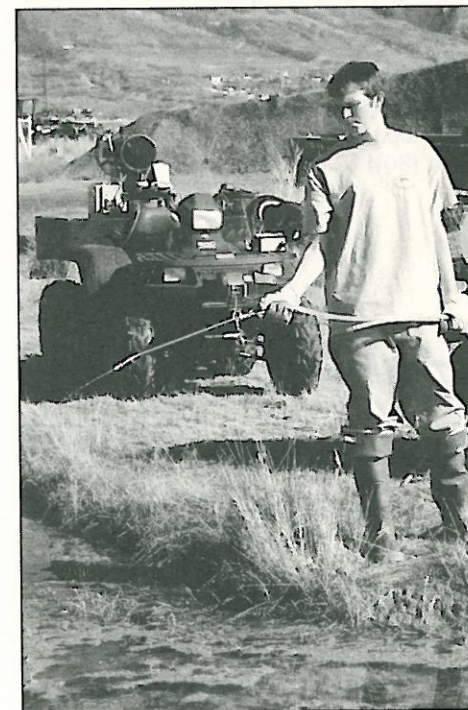
- Eliminate standing water:
 - Drill holes in or discard old tires
 - Cap hollow, open fence posts
 - Clear leaves and debris from rain gutters and downspouts
 - Clear grass clippings and gravel from street gutters
 - Drain water from yard decorations
 - Turn unused containers upside down. Wading pools, buckets, cans, barrels, scrap metal, and "yard junk" are Culex pipiens' favorites.

Prevent Standing water from becoming a breeding ground

- Change birdbath water twice every week
- Change through water or contact Mosquito Abatement District-Davis for products that can be used in the water.
- Pour excess water from plant pots weekly
- Examine these places after rain and watering
- Ornamental ponds are a major source for the mosquito. Call Mosquito District-Davis at 544-3736 and ask for tiny, mosquito eating fish. (There is no additional cost for this service for Davis County residents.)

Culex Tarsalis

The other vector is the Culex tarsalis. Mosquito Abatement District-Davis spends most of its time battling this type of mosquito along the wetlands of the Great Salt Lake and other large bodies of permanent and semi-permanent water. Culex tarsalis prefers biting birds in the spring and large mammals (including humans) as the summer progresses, making it a particularly dangerous vector. The Culex tarsalis only bites at dawn and dusk. Since they can fly several miles, Culex tarsalis mosquitoes are within range of homes within Davis County located far from the mosquitoes' breeding sites. Correctly using a DEET-based repellent works in avoiding bites from this as well as other types of mosquitoes living in Utah.



Quiet Zones Sought Along Railway/Freeway

West Bountiful City has recently joined in an accord with neighboring communities ranging from Salt Lake City to Ogden to maintain a quiet zone along at-grade railroad crossings throughout the railway corridor in these communities. This quiet zone requires the construction of concrete roadway medians at railroad crossings (i.e. Pages Lane railway crossing) that control the flow of traffic and continued use of lighted crossing arms at these crossings. As a result of these roadway improvements, railroad agencies have agreed to not blow their engine whistles throughout these communities except in the case of emergency or exigent circumstances.

As for the discussion on sound walls along the I-15 freeway and railroad line, West Bountiful City has been unable to secure the necessary funding from other involved entities to commence the construction of sound walls along this corridor. Additionally, many engineering issues have arisen regarding the construction of sound walls along this corridor. Please note that this does not mean that the City has given up its interest in the construction of a sound wall along the railroad line and the freeway; however, at this time, construction of this sound wall would not be economically or technically feasible. Further, the establishment of a quiet zone throughout West Bountiful should establish a more peaceful and acceptable environment for city residents.

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